

**REMARKS**

**Restriction/Election:**

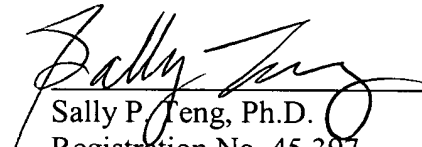
Without acquiescing to the propriety of the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated July 11, 2006, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 14, 16 and 18 to 21, drawn to a cholesterol-lowering method comprising the administration of melagatran.

**Conclusion:**

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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